

CITY OF WILMORE MINUTES

February 2, 2026

The Wilmore City Council convened for a regular session on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., with Mayor Harold Rainwater presiding. Present were Councilmembers Leonard Fitch, Jim Brumfield, David Riel, Andy Bathje, Wes Metcalfe, Sharon Moore, and City Attorney Robert Gullette, III.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Riel moved, seconded by Councilmember Bathje, to approve the minutes of January 5, 2025. There was no discussion, all members voted aye.

Mayor's Report

Councilmember Riel presented Heather Turner (Glow Skin Studio) with a Wilmore Business Award Certificate and a Visa gift card in appreciation of her investment in Wilmore.

Glenda Creech President/CEO of Wesley Village presented Mayor Rainwater with a \$5000 check in appreciation of services provided by Wilmore.

Brigadier General Ben Adams III presented Wilmore Residents Charles Houp and James Rainwater with Wilmore's Hometown Hero awards for their distinguished service in the United States Armed Services. Kentucky State Senator Donald Douglas presented them with proclamations from The Kentucky State senate honoring their service to our nation.

Kelly Oakley, Kelly Shehan and General Adams with the Salute to Service Organization that honors veterans shared a video introducing the Salute to Service Veterans Celebration scheduled for June 12 & June 13, 2026, in connection with the Wilmore 150th anniversary celebration. Mayor Rainwater told the council and attendees that Wilmore, along with the salute to service representatives are in the process of raising \$100,000 to finance the celebration.

There was a short recess from 6:46pm to 6:59pm to give the honored veterans and their families time for pictures.

New Business

Pam Stephenson representing Sycamore Farm at 1970 Lexington Road, Wilmore, spoke to the council concerning misinformation about Sycamore Farm's owners and family presented at the January 5, 2026, council meeting. She spoke of her family's history with Wilmore and their opinions on the KY29 trail in reference to their farm. She asked that a copy of the information she read be included with the official minutes of this meeting.

Christopher Montgomery Interim Director of the Jessamine County-City of Wilmore Joint Planning and Zoning Board asked that the Wilmore Council re-appoint Keith Barker to the board for another four-year term. Councilmember Riel moved, seconded by Councilmember Fitch, to approve Mr. Barker's re-appointment. There was no discussion, all members voted aye.

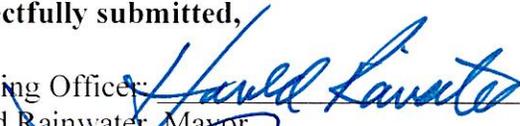
Christopher Montgomery Interim Director of the Jessamine County-City of Wilmore Joint Planning and Zoning Board made recommendations to the council to accept the roads in Talbott Subdivision Units 6C and 6D including Crouse Circle and the Witts Lane extension into the City of Wilmore Road System. Councilmember Brumfield moved, seconded by Councilmember Metcalfe, to accept the recommendation. There was no discussion, all members voted aye.

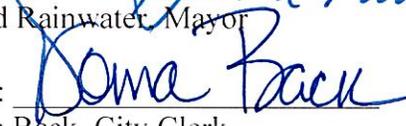
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ORDINANCE 2026-1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 423-94 RELATING TO THE CITY OF WILMORE CODE OF ETHICS REVISING THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT APPLICABLE TO CITY OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND CITY AGENCIES; AND DEFINING THE AUTHORITY, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY ETHICS BOARD 1st Reading – Attorney Robert Gullette, Jr. suggested a committee be formed to construct the ordinance. Councilmembers Riel, Metcalfe, and Moore agreed to serve on the committee and work with the Kentucky League of Cities to draft the ordinance. No other action was taken.

Councilmember Brumfield made the motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Presiding Officer: 
Harold Rainwater, Mayor

Attest: 
Donna Back, City Clerk